

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An improved receptacle for receipt of cupcake or muffin batter ~~single-serving food product~~ comprising:

a body portion defining a single ~~single-serving~~ receiving cavity formed ~~substantially~~ from a substantially silicone rubber material, the body portion including,

a substantially planar base bottom portion having a rounded periphery, the base bottom portion having an inside surface for receipt of food product ~~and an outside surface for contacting a support~~; and

a resilient, substantially annular sidewall portion which extends upwardly and radially outwardly from the rounded periphery of the planar base bottom portion and which terminates in a rimless top surface, the annular sidewall portion having an inner surface for receipt of food product.

2. (Original) The improved receptacle of Claim 1 wherein the substantially annular sidewall and the planar base portion are joined by an angled corner portion.

3. (Original) The improved receptacle of Claim 1 wherein the substantially annular sidewall includes a plurality of ridges extending radially outwardly and valleys extending radially inwardly, the plurality of ridges and valleys cooperating to enhance the flexibility of the substantially annular side wall.

4. (Original) The improved receptacle for receipt of batter of Claim 1 wherein the frusto-conical body is injection molded from a flowable silicone rubber material.

5. (Original) The improved receptacle of Claim 1 wherein the planar bottom portion and substantially annular sidewalls are dimensioned to fit within a frusto-conical depression in a cupcake pan to serve as a cupcake liner.

6. (Original) The improved receptacle of Claim 1 wherein the planar bottom portion and substantially annular sidewalls are formed from a sufficiently thick layer of silicone rubber to impart sufficient rigidity to resist substantial deformation when cupcake batter is received therein so that the receptacle can act as a cupcake mold for baking without additional lateral support.

7. (Original) The improved receptacle of Claim 1 wherein the base portion has an inside surface for receipt of muffin batter.

8. (Currently amended) An improved cupcake liner for insertion within a cupcake or muffin pan having a plurality of batter receiving cavities with bottom and sidewalls of predetermined dimensions, the cupcake liner comprising:

a frusto-conical body formed substantially from a silicone resin, the body including, a planar base portion having a rounded periphery and being dimensioned for receipt ~~within~~ within a single ~~the bottom of the~~ batter receiving cavities of the cupcake or muffin pan; and

a resilient, substantially annular sidewall portion which extends upwardly and radially outwardly from the rounded periphery of the planar base portion and which terminates in a rimless top surface, the substantially annular sidewall being dimensioned for lining the sidewalls of one of the batter receiving cavities.

9. (Original) The improved cupcake liner of Claim 8 wherein the substantially annular sidewall and the planar base portion are joined by an angled corner portion.

10. (Original) The improved cupcake liner of Claim 8 wherein the substantially annular sidewall includes a plurality of ridges extending radially outwardly and valleys extending radially inwardly, the plurality of ridges and valleys cooperating to enhance the flexibility of the substantially annular side wall.

11. (Original) The improved cupcake liner of Claim 8 wherein the fusto-concial body is injection molded from a flowable silicone rubber material.

12. (Currently amended) An individual cupcake mold for receiving cupcake or muffin

batter:

a single frusto-conical body formed substantially from a substantially silicone rubber resin, the frusto-conical body including,

a planar base portion having a rounded periphery, the base portion having an inside surface for receipt of cupcake or muffin batter and an outside surface for contacting a support; and

a resilient, substantially annular sidewall portion which extends upwardly and radially outwardly from the rounded periphery of the planar base portion and which terminates in a rimless top surface, the planar bottom portion and substantially annular sidewalls are formed from a sufficiently thick layer of silicone rubber to impart rigidity sufficient to resist substantial deformation when cupcake or muffin batter is received therein so that the receptacle can act as a single, stand alone cupcake or muffin mold for baking.

13. (Original) The improved individual cupcake mold of Claim 12 wherein the substantially annular sidewall and the planar base portion are joined by an angled corner portion.

14. (Original) The improved individual cupcake mold of Claim 12 wherein the substantially annular sidewall includes a plurality of ridges extending radially outwardly and valleys extending radially inwardly, the plurality of ridges and valleys cooperating to enhance the flexibility of the substantially annular side wall.

15. (Original) The improved individual cupcake mold of Claim 12 wherein the frusto-conical body is injection molded from a flowable silicone rubber material.

Claims 16-21 were previously Withdrawn.

22. (New) The improved receptacle of Claim 1 wherein the thickness of the substantially annular sidewall at the rimless top surface is greater than the sidewall thickness along the remainder of the substantially annular sidewall, but is thinner than required to form a rim structure that would significantly increase the structural stability of the improved receptacle.

23. (New) The improved receptacle of Claim 8 wherein the thickness of the substantially annular sidewall at the rimless top surface is greater than the sidewall thickness along the remainder of the substantially annular sidewall, but is thinner than required to form a rim structure that would significantly increase the structural stability of the improved receptacle.

24. (New) The improved receptacle of Claim 12 wherein the thickness of the substantially annular sidewall at the rimless top surface is greater than the sidewall thickness along the remainder of the substantially annular sidewall, but is thinner than required to form a rim structure that would significantly increase the structural stability of the improved receptacle.